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Dear Professor Vorobyov:

Mr. Roy Foucher described his visit with you while he was on assignment in Moscow. Thank you for giving him your valuable time. He reported that you and your colleagues were ready for an August meeting and had a letter on its way to me. He stated that he thought you had not received my letter of April 16, also suggesting an August meeting. Because time is now so short and the mail system seems to be slow, I am enclosing another copy of my April 16 letter and suggesting in this letter some more specific details for our science and technology exchange in forestry. Mr. Stanley Brown and Mr. Jack Tash of the U.S. Embassy have copies of this correspondence and can work with you for any specific arrangements.

I propose that the U.S. Delegation consist of 6 foresters and scientists and 1 interpreter. We will arrive in Moscow, Sunday afternoon, August 26 and be ready to begin our meeting with you anytime after 12 noon on August 27. We would like to plan our departure from Moscow anytime after 12 noon on September 7. We assume that you would be able to provide us transportation from our hotel to and from the place of our meetings. Otherwise the U.S. will provide for all of our expenses during this exchange. If there is a possibility for a two or three day field trip to laboratories or to field operations, we feel that might be appropriate during or near the weekend of September 1.

May I suggest the following agenda which, of course, we can adjust and change in accordance with your suggestions either by mail before the meeting or during the first afternoon.

1. Discuss and agree upon the agenda for the meeting.
2. Prepare a draft of a Memorandum of Cooperation similar to that prepared for agriculture.

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3. Identify the fields of activities and research in forestry of mutual interest to the U.S.S.R. and U.S. for further exchange in science and technology.
4. Forest fire. Discuss the "state of the art" in forest fire prevention and control and identify specific exchange activities in fire science and technology.
2. 5. Forest insect control. Review the "state of the art" particularly in biological control and new control strategies.
3. 6. Forest disease control. Review the "state of the art" particularly in biological control and new control strategies.
4. 7. Advanced logging systems. Review the "state of the art" in advanced logging systems and look for possibilities of combined technological development.
3. 8. Improved utilization. Exchange information on possible improvements in utilization and look for opportunities to exchange or develop meaningful technologies.
5. 9. Genetics. Review the state of exchange of tree genetic information and germ plasm between the two countries and seek to speed up these activities.

If conveniences for you please communicate directly with Stanley Brown or Jack Tech of the U.S. Embassy in order to speed the arrangements for our meeting.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Dear Professor Vorobyov:

I was glad that Dr. Arnold had an opportunity to confer with you in Moscow and to followup on our discussions in Buenos Aires. He presented the case for forestry before the meeting of the Joint Commission on Cooperation in Science and Technology in Washington on March 20, 1973. Academician Zhavoronkov responded in an affirmative and enthusiastic manner.

It is our understanding that the Joint Commission endorsed forestry as an excellent subject for exchange in science and technology. It directed that a joint working group be established to prepare a "Memorandum of Cooperation" and recommend proposals for cooperative programs to be approved by the Joint Commission. Dr. H. Guyford Stever, U.S. Co-chairman of the Joint Commission, has asked the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to be the lead agency on the U.S. side.

In line with Dr. Arnold's comments that the U.S.S.R. might host a first meeting of a joint working group in forestry, I am writing to you with a suggestion for it. Since time is short for planning and for official approvals, I am presuming to describe some possible details.

Length of meeting	10 days maximum
Date	Begin August 20, 1973; August 27, 1973; or September 3, 1973
Costs	The U.S. will pay all costs for its delegation except for local transportation arrangements in cities and interpretation if needed.

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It seems to me that we might accomplish several things:

- a. Prepare a "Memorandum of Cooperation" similar to that prepared for Agriculture.
- b. Identify and describe the fields of forestry where co-operation would be mutually beneficial.
- c. Identify specific subjects and possible cooperative projects in forest protection - forest fire, insects, and disease.
- d. Identify scientific specialists and institutes on both sides for agreed upon problems.
- e. If time permits, make a short field tour to see problems and progress in the fields of forest protection.

If the Joint Commission meets in the late fall or winter as planned, our programs might be approved. The U.S. could then host the working group in the spring or early summer, and we could begin specific exchanges in the protection fields.

If this general idea meets with your approval, a delegation of six from the U.S. including Dr. Arnold and me will serve as our initial working group. This group will include a pathologist, a University Dean of Forestry, a representative of the timber industry, and a forest products specialist. Dr. Arnold will represent the field of forest fire. Others will be added when specific exchange programs are approved.

We understand the need for the "Memorandum of Cooperation" to include not only the State Committee on Forestry, but also the Ministry of the Lumber and Wood Processing Industry and the Ministry of the Pulp and Paper Industry.

The U.S.S.R. may wish to form one working group from members of all three agencies, or it may wish to form a separate working group for each one. We will adjust to the organization you suggest and will be prepared to meet in one working group or separately.

We would appreciate a reply at your early convenience, particularly as to the date of the meeting. I look forward to the opportunity to review our common forestry problems with you.

Sincerely,

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